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BLM TO BURN NEAR WHITEHALL AND BOULDER

BUTTE (March 9, 2005) – Residents in the Whitehall and Boulder area may see smoke occasionally through the end of May as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conducts three prescribed fire projects as weather and conditions permit.

The Pole Canyon project is located west of Whitehall and is intended to reduce the amount of vegetation in the wildland urban interface.

The Whitetail Basin and Hay Canyon projects are located north of Whitehall and will reduce the buildup of hazardous fuels. "These two projects will be used as areas to study the ecological effects of prescribed fire," stated Charles Tuss, fuels specialist at the BLM Butte Field Office.

For more information on the three projects, contact either John Thompson or Charles Tuss at the Butte Field Office, 533-7600.

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